

BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGMAC)
MEETINGS
FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Present: Anne Cates, Roger Gordon, Cheree Gulley, Robert Kirshbaum, Michelle McCook

Meeting called to order by R. Gordon. Minutes of January 26, 2005 amended, second by M. McCook. Upcoming BGMAC meetings scheduled for 3/10/05, 4/14/05 and 4/28/05. Next public hearing tentatively scheduled for 5/19/05. Notices will be sent out by Miami-Dade County budget office.

The New Golden Glades library is supported by every taxpayer in Miami-Dade County. Any expense for the new library will come out of the 2.7 mills that goes into the Miami-Dade County's general fund. Additionally, each Miami-Dade county resident is also assessed fees on their property taxes for fire rescue and solid waste services. DERM fee is assessed on the countywide taxes for regional services.

Mitigation is a fee paid to Miami-Dade County by donor communities that incorporate. The mitigation fees are supposed to be spent in the unincorporated areas affected by incorporation.

Mr. Kirshbaum explained that Amendment 10 of the State of Florida statutes limits the amount of increase on assessed property value to only 3% annually. However, if a home is sold, the new property owner does not have same provision. New property owners pay much higher property taxes. Sale of homes will affect the Ad Valorem Tax increases in an area.

Meeting adjourned.

Michelle McCook, Recording Secretary